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13 September 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE:

Subject: Collection and Exploitation of Captured Japanese Documents.

1. Reference is made to Tab B Memorandum by the Service Members of the Joint Intelligence Committee dated 17 July 1944, subject, "Coordination of Japanese Air Intelligence" which was approved by informal action of the JCS on 2 August 1944. Under the provisions of the above reference, the AC of S., G-2, was charged with the primary responsibility for the final exploitation of all captured Japanese documents pertinent to Japanese aviation and for the formulation of a plan to insure best overall results in the exploitation of all captured Japanese documents.

2. In order to discharge the assigned responsibility, the AC of S., G-2, has established on September 7, 1944, at Camp Ritchie, Maryland, the Pacific Military Intelligence Research Section (Pacific MIRS). This organization is responsible for the exploitation of all captured Japanese documents. Under the plan of operation, all captured Japanese documents will be centralized in the Pacific MIRS for scanning, summarization, collation, translation and dissemination ~~through liaison channels~~ *of resultant intelligence* to the participating agencies.

Directives have been issued to Theater Areas
3. ~~Action has been taken by the US Army to direct all Army commanders~~
in the Far East and Pacific Theaters to transmit all captured Japanese documents to the Military Intelligence Division, War Department, Washington, after theater requirements have been fulfilled. See Tab A. ~~The US Navy is requested to take similar action.~~

It is requested that you initiate similar action to expedite transmission to MID of Japanese documents captured by the Navy

4. Under the provisions of paragraph 12 of the reference cited in paragraph 1 above, the US Navy, the AAF, and the British service agencies are to assist G-2 in the exploitation of captured Japanese documents pertinent to Japanese aviation with personnel as mutually agreed. It is believed that the basis for participation in the work of exploitation of captured Japanese documents should be the amount and quality of the intelligence derived therefrom by the agencies taking part. This cannot be estimated accurately until Pacific MIRS has been in operation for several months. The AC of S., G-2, has provided an initial staff of 18 officers and 38 enlisted men. It is requested that the DNI provide an initial staff of five officers and 12 enlisted men from the US Navy. A similar number is being requested from the AAF. As far as possible all personnel should be qualified Japanese language specialists capable of reading all types of Japanese writing.

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